

APPROVED:

ATTEST: *Paula S. Jewell*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND  
Meeting No. 47-95

November 20, 1995

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in General Session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on November 20, 1995, at 8:12 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Rose G. Krasnow

Councilmember Robert E. Dorsey

Councilmember James T. Marrinan

Councilmember Glennon J. Harrison

Councilmember Robert J. Wright

In attendance: City Manager Rick Kuckkahn, City Clerk Paula Jewell and City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Re: City Manager's Report

1. The 55th Mayor and Council were sworn in during an impressive Inaugural Ceremony held this evening. Former Senator Mary Boergers presided over the ceremony and the event was very well attended.

2. The City will pick up telephone books for recycling between November 27 and December 1. Residents should place their old directories on the curb with other recyclables on regular recycling dates.

3. The City is arranging a meeting between Transco Gas Company and residents on Transco's plans to clear a gas pipe line easement which runs through the City.

The City will use whatever resources are available to minimize any impact the operation will have on residents.

4. The City will continue to pursue the vigorous snow removal enforcement policy which began last year. Residential and commercial residents are reminded that walkways must be cleared within 24 hours of a snow event. Senior citizen residents should call 309-3050 if they need assistance in clearing their walks. In the event a snow emergency is declared, all snow emergency routes must be cleared of parked vehicles; vehicles must be parked on side streets or driveways, and they must not block sidewalks.

5. Rockville is providing in-kind services for the First Night Montgomery County event planned for New Years Eve. First Night is a non-alcoholic festival of the arts taking place in downtown Silver Spring on Sunday, December 31, from 3 p.m. to midnight. Councilmember Dorsey is serving on the planning committee for the celebration. For more information, residents may call the 24-hour hot line, 217-3655.

6. The Cultural Arts Commission (CAC) met on November 18 to finalize a recommendation on the sculpture fountain in Courthouse Square. The selected artist, Dan Davidson, presented a revised design, supported by the CAC which will present its final recommendation to the Mayor and Council at the December 11 General Session. The revised design is on display in the City Hall lobby.

7. The Rockville All America City March was premiered for over 400 attendees at the Rockville Concert Band's concert held on November 19. The lyrics for

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the march were written as a result of a city-wide competition, won by Barbara Belcher and Jean Edwards. The march was sung by former Councilmember Richard Haight, who wrote the march in 1976, and Dr. James Sadler, arranger of the march.

8. On December 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Rockville Senior Center will host an arts and crafts show. All are invited to take advantage of the handmade gift items, seasonal decorations, a bargain table, bake sale, and Sunday lunch.

Mayor Krasnow recognized Boy Scouts from Troop 1772, accompanied by Troup Leader Judge Louis Harrington.

Re: Citizens Forum - this time is set aside to hear from any citizen who wishes to address the Mayor and Council.

1. Connie Pitt, President, Rockville Jaycees welcomed the new Mayor and Council. She explained that the success of the Jaycees was due to resources and support provided by local government, businesses and the community at-large. The Terror Trail project netted about \$2200 dollars and proceeds from this event and other projects conducted during the year underwrite Chapter operating expense and serve as seed money for community projects the Jaycees conduct during the year. Ms. Pitt said that in conducting the Terror Trail project, invaluable feedback and support was gained from the community surrounding Welsh Park, and the Jaycees were hoping to continue receiving such feedback to improve efforts in the future. The Jaycees were also assisted by the Rockville Police Explorers Post and received assistance from three high schools in the

area, as well as Recreation and Parks staff who helped plan the neighborhood canvassing and address concerns expressed by the neighborhood. Ms. Pitt said the Jaycees looked forward to working with the City on future programs.

2. Anita Summerour, President, Lincoln Park Civic Association congratulated the Mayor and Council on their election. Regarding Consent Agenda Item 6(A), Ms. Summerour noted that there were only two bidders for the project and she said the amounts bid were much higher than what was left to complete the project. She urged the Mayor and Council to slow down on the project to give the new Councilmembers time to review the details. Ms. Summerour said that while she would like to see the project completed, she wanted it to be done at a reasonable cost because of another community issue that needed to be addressed. There was a drainage problem at the Israel Field which she said could be solved by using funds left over from the bridge project.

Ms. Summerour also noted a health and safety concern at 307 Lincoln Avenue where a severe vermin condition existed and asked that the City get involved in solving the problem. Mayor Krasnow asked that the City Manager follow up on this issue.

3. Albert Raynor, 605 Blossom Drive, congratulated the Mayor and Council and said he was informally representing homeowners between Aster Boulevard and Crocus Drive who were concerned about the Transco clear-cut operation. Mr. Raynor said that residents stood to lose approximately 62 prime trees and one-half dozen city trees; he said

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he hoped that the Mayor and Council planned to apprise other officials at the State and County level about the impact. Mr. Raynor also said there was concern that the project will impact the ecology and environment as well as property values and he asked that the City continue to monitor the situation. He said the residents were confident that the City Manager was representing them well on the issue and it was hoped that they might gain some neighborhood exemption or mitigation in the clear-cut policy.

The Mayor and Council agreed that the issue needed to be clearly researched and that other jurisdictions be involved in the issue in order to get a full appreciation of what the project meant not only in College Gardens but other residential communities in the area. It was also agreed that (a) there was a need for public education which would be helpful in addressing the issue in a more comprehensive way; (b) research was needed to see how other jurisdictions were affected by the clear-cut operation; and (c) staff should check into whether there was technology available for studying the full impacts of the clear-cut operation.

4. Sima Osdoby, President of Peerless Rockville congratulated the Mayor and Council on their installation and said that Peerless looked forward to working with them. She presented Peerless' latest publication, a 1996 Community Calendar, commemorating the 100th anniversary of F. Scott Fitzgerald's birthday. Ms. Osdoby said the kickoff for the Fitzgerald Centennial celebration will be at the Peerless New Year's Day Brunch at Glenview Mansion. Calendars were available for \$7.00 each from Peerless as well as

some Rockville merchants.

5. Jim Binsted, President of Rockville Baseball Association congratulated the Mayor and Council. Regarding Consent Agenda Item 6(B), Mr. Binsted said that RBBA was in favor of awarding the bid for the Dogwood Park Warm-Up Field grading. Mr. Binsted also said that coaches, players and their parents were concerned about the Tower Oaks project and what the relationship would be with the Tower Oaks neighborhood once it was developed because of the close proximity of some of the planned backyards to the first base line.

6. Mike Melvin, Executive Vice President of RBBA congratulated the Mayor and Council, and asked for their support of the bid award for the grading of Dogwood Park. He said this would allow more children access to the facilities at Dogwood Park.

7. John Moser, 208 Upton Street congratulated the Mayor and Council on their election, and said that he has served as a Chief Judge for the City's elections for many years. He commended City Clerk Paula Jewell and her staff for the excellent logistic work done on this year's election.

8. William Meyer, 804 Leverton Road congratulated the Mayor and Council. Regarding Consent Agenda Item 6(A), Mr. Meyer said he agreed that the bridge needed to be renovated in the near future; however when the project was sent out to be rebid, he hoped the City would be fortunate that new bids would come in for substantially less. He suggested that since the Dogwood Park grading project came in under bid, the excess

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money might be appropriated to correct the drainage problem at the Israel Field in Lincoln Park. He also suggested that the bridge project might be a candidate for block grant funding.

9. Stu Crump, Senior Citizens Commission congratulated the Council on their election and re-election. He noted that the previous Councils had conducted fine programs for the seniors of Rockville, and he trusted that the new Council would continue their support of senior programs.

Re: Appointments

Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Allen Gorrellick was reappointed to serve on the Retirement Board.

Re: Approval of Minutes

Upon motion of Councilmember Dorsey, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the Minutes of Meeting No. 43-95 (September 26, 1995) were adopted; Councilmembers Harrison and Wright abstained.

Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the Minutes of Meeting No. 44-95 (October 9, 1995) were adopted; Councilmembers Harrison and Wright abstained.

Upon motion of Councilmember Dorsey, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the Minutes of Meeting No. 45-95 (October 16, 1995) were adopted; Councilmembers Harrison and Wright abstained.

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Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the Minutes of Meeting No. 46-95 (October 23, 1995) were adopted; Councilmembers Harrison and Wright abstained.

Re: Consent Agenda

Councilmembers Dorsey and Harrison requested removal of Consent Agenda Item A and Mayor Krasnow requested removal of Consent Agenda B.

Re: (A) Rejection of Bid #40-96  
To: Avon Corporation  
Of: Springfield, VA  
In the amount of: \$361,147

For: Renovations and additions to the Frederick Avenue Pedestrian Bridge.

Regarding Item A, Mr. Dorsey requested removal of the item in order to inquire about the suggestion made by the Lincoln Park Civic Association that the process be slowed down; he asked for clarification on the specifics of how an decelerated process might be accommodated.

Councilmember Harrison agreed that he would like to see the process slowed down in order to have the opportunity to review the proposed renovations. He said that in talking with residents, even a renovated bridge would be still be a source of conflict within the City and he asked if there were other options to explore, e.g., federal or state funding for a new bridge.

In response to a question from Mayor Krasnow regarding procedures for re-



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bidding, Mr. Kuckkahn said that a rejection of bid meant that staff would go back to the bidders list to find out why individuals/companies did not bid, etc. He said there was no problem with slowing the rebidding process down and bringing in the architect to explain the project; however, to explore other alternatives would take additional clarification. Mr. Kuckkahn said that staff had been proceeding with making improvements to the bridge and he recommended that they continue to proceed with additional clarification of what the project involved.

Mayor Krasnow said that a great deal of thought went into the renovations; many meetings were held with the community and it was thought that everyone was on board. She said that understood the importance of getting the Israel field drainage problem addressed; however, that project should not get in the way of the bridge project. Mayor Krasnow suggested that the Mayor and Council proceed with the regular course of action and she suggested that staff plan to bring in the architect to again present plans for the bridge for the benefit of the new Councilmembers.

Upon motion of Councilmember Dorsey, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Bid #40-96 was rejected.

Re: (B) Award of Bid #41-96  
To: Dewey East Excavating  
Of: Bladensburg, Maryland  
In the amount of: \$54,869

For: Dogwood Park Warm-Up Field Grading

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Mayor Krasnow requested removal of the item to express concern about the scope of the project. She said that what was being proposed was regrading of a portion of the park used for passive recreation which involved moving a few trees, and moving an existing pedestrian sidewalk. She asked that staff provide additional information on the project and that representatives from the Hungerford-Stoneridge neighborhood be notified about the proposal.

Councilmember Marrinan asked that the information also address the issue regarding the need for additional ball fields. Councilmember Dorsey asked that staff indicate if there was any feasibility of using funds from the Dogwood excavation for the Israel Field drainage work.

Without objection, the Award of Bid #41-96 was postponed to the December 11 General Session.

Re: Approval of projects and funding levels which are to be submitted in a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application to Montgomery County.

The application will be the basis of how the City will use \$403,000 in CDBG funding.

Assistant Chief of Economic Development explained the Community Development Block Grant program. The City is to receive \$403,710 in CDBG funds from Montgomery county through its Cooperation Agreement. The Mayor and Council held a

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public hearing on September 18, 1995 to solicit proposals for use of the funds. The project proposals received at the hearing were evaluated and staff was recommending that the following projects be included in the City's application to Montgomery County:

**Rockville Housing Authority (Total \$81,000)**

-	Concrete/Sidewalk Repairs	\$11,000
-	Security Lighting	10,000
-	Playground Equipment	35,000
-	Landscaping/Lighting	25,000

**Hispanics United for Rockville (Total \$28,000)**

-	Funding for Outreach Worker Transportation and Mileage	\$28,000
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**Community Ministries of Rockville (Total \$18,000)**

-	Latino Outreach Program	\$ 8,000
-	Elderly Ministries Program	10,000

**City of Rockville (Total \$80,000)**

Department of Recreation and Parks  
Lincoln Park Community Center

-	Replace Exit Door/Sidewalks	\$30,000
-	Pargeting/Finishing of Basement Walls	30,000
-	Install Floor Drain	20,000

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<b>Single Family Rehabilitation Program</b>	<b>\$131,000</b>
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<b>CDBG Administration</b>	<b>\$65,000</b>
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Mr. Duffy explained that a budget balancer was put into each application because there was a chance that the actual amount may not be what was projected. He said that because of the uncertainty of the funding the City would receive, staff was recommending that up to \$20,000 be absorbed by the Single Family Rehabilitation Program and that any difference on that amount be deducted from the RHA Landscaping Program.

Councilmember Marrinan complimented staff for the contingency planning that was built into the process. He said in light of the uncertainty over the federal funding, this was one small example of what may be coming in this program and others and that building in contingency planning for other programs would be helpful when adverse impacts can be anticipated.

Upon motion of Councilmember Wright, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the projects and funding levels that staff recommended be submitted in a CDBG Application to Montgomery County, were approved.

Re: FYI/Correspondence

1. Councilmember Wright said he was encouraged by the Bikeway Master Plan study. He noted that one of the barriers would be how to connect the City across Route

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270, and in order for the plan to be successful, a way to address this issue would have to be resolved.

**Re: New Business**

1. Councilmember Dorsey asked if the City was preparing any recommendations regarding the problems of deer population in the City. Recreation and Parks Director Burt Hall said there was no deer policy in the City although the issue was being addressed region-wide. Staff have attended a number of seminars on the problem and have been tracking the efforts and recommendations put forth state wide.

2. Councilmember Dorsey noted that the Montgomery County Boys and Girls Club was holding an art show and auction on December 1, and he had several tickets purchased by Lockheed Martin who asked that he donate the tickets to Rockville seniors.

3. Councilmember Marrinan commented that he had also been approached by residents about the deer problem. He said the issue was also one of safety and he encouraged the City to address the problem.

4. Mayor Krasnow commented that there was a great deal of confusion caused when the County sent out a change of polling place notice which did not indicate which election the change applied to. As a result, many voters went to three different polls to find out where they were to vote. Ms. Krasnow said that she asked the City Clerk to provide a report of what happened and how this could be prevented; she reported that the

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Board of Elections would be addressing the issue in January 1996 and would make a report available.

5. Councilmember Dorsey asked that the Board of Elections also address the issue of electioneering laws in order to determine an appropriate protected area from the actual area where voting takes place so that campaign workers would not be subject to inclement November weather. Mayor Krasnow asked that the issue of parking at polling places also be looked at.

6. Mayor Krasnow noted information received regarding the Maryland Downtown Development Association Awards Program for Maryland communities attempting to revitalize downtown areas.

7. Mayor Krasnow complimented City staff on their quick response to the unexpected storm on November 11 which knocked down numerous trees in the City.

8. Mayor Krasnow welcomed the re-elected and newly elected members of the Council; she said she was looking forward to a number of very productive years and she looked forward to working with them.

Re: Next Meeting

The Mayor and Council will hold public hearings on Monday, November 27, 1995 to hear testimony on the following Text Amendment Applications: TXT95-0150 (PEPCO, Applicant); TXT95-0151 (Tower Dawson, Ltd., Applicant); and TXT95-0152 (GFS Realty, Inc., Applicant).

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Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m., to reconvene at 7:30 p.m. on November 27, 1995, or at the call of the Mayor.